STATEMENT LAID ON THE TABLE.

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Sir, under Rule 52 of the Legislative Council Rules, I beg to lay on the table the following statement of expenditure authorised by Government under Section 16 (9) of the Legislative Council Regulation II of 1097.

Demand No.	Amount Rs.	Particulars.
XXI. Buildings, Communications and Miscellaneous Public Improvements.	5,200	For the continuance till the end of Menam 1106 of the temporary staff in connection with the working of the Irrigation Committee.
XXII. Miscellaneous.	1,420	For the continuance of the Banking Enquiry Committee till the 15th Tulam 1106.

DEMANDS FOR SUPPLEMENTARY GRANTS.

DEMAND I.—LAND REVENUE.

MR. S. C. H. ROBINSON (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): Sir, I rise to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 154 under Demand I– Land Revenue, for the entertainment of a temporary Accountant on Rs. 14 per mensem and a temporary peon on Rs. 8 per mensem from the 1st Dhanu 1106 for Land Records Maintenance Work in the Enadimangalam pakuti of the Kunnattur taluk.

The present staff of this pakuti consists of one Proverthikar on Rs. 18-24, 1 Accountant on Rs. 14 and two peons on Rs. 8 each.

When the settlement was done in that pakuti in 1084, the staff consisted of 1 Proverthikar, 2 Accountants and 3 Peons. Since the settlement, the number of pattadars have practically trebled. At the time of the settlement, there were only 2,436 pattadars; but now there are 7,239. The area under occupation has also more than doubled itself. At the time of the Settlement, only 8109·10 acres were under occupation. At present there are 19,257 acres under occupation.

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MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): May I know the figures at the time when the Budget was discussed last, in this Council?

MR. S. C. H. ROBINSON (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): We have been asking for this additional staff for some time now. At the time of the last Budget we tried the experiment of diverting one accountant and one peon from another pakuti to work in this pakuti. I will come to that point later on.

I was saying that instead of getting an increase of staff as time went on, in 1101 one accountant and one peon were taken from this

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pakuti for L. R. M. work thus lessening the permanent staff. In consequence work all-round suffers.

The area of the pakuti is 49·28 sq. miles. At the beginning of this year we tried the experiment of taking one accountant and one peon from the Suranad pakuti. This led to disastrous results in that pakuti and the public suffered. So, we have now come to the House to ask for this additional staff temporarily for 6 months.

Considering the fact that the area of the pakuti is about 49 sq. miles, it takes a man several days to perambulate the whole pakuti the holdings in which lie scattered about. And even the indoor work, the staff finds it impossible to dispose of.

The Enadimangalam pakuti stands foremost in all respects—area under occupation, number of pattadars, etc. The revenue of the pakuti has increased from Rs. 9,508 to Rs 20,259. The area under occupation has increased from 8,109 acres to 19,257 acres.

The number of pattadars has increased from 2,436 to 7,239. Further, it is the largest and most important pakuti in the taluk. Yet it has only the minimum staff. The Public and the Government suffer in consequence.

I therefore hope that the House will grant this Demand.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I know why provision for the purpose was not made in the Budget for 1106?

MR. S. C. H. ROBINSON (*Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*): I have tried to explain why we did not include provision for this purpose in the Budget. We tried an experiment by diverting from the Suranad pakuti one accountant and one peon; but that was not satisfactory.

PRESIDENT: I take it that the House sanctions the Demand.

The Demand was granted.

DEMAND No. VII.—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, I rise to move for a supplementary grant not exceeding Rs. 725 under Demand VII—General Administration—Huzur Cutcherry—Legislative Council.

This amount is required for the payment of remuneration to the non-official members of the Election Commission appointed in connection with the election petition filed by Mr. J. W. Rose questioning the validity of the election of Mr. T. C. Kesava Pillai to the Legislative Council.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): May I know from the member when the petition was decided?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): About July or August 1929.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara cum Kartikapalli*): May I know when the petition was filed?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot recall the date. It was filed soon after the election was over. The petition was decided by the Commissioners in July 1929.

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